

May 8th, 1940.

Department of State of the United States  
Passport Division  
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

This is to advise that I am the attorney for Abraham Manley, of 55 Somerset Street, Newark, New Jersey, owner of the Newark Eagles Baseball Club. Sometime ago Leonard Pearson of 202 South Grove Street, East Orange, New Jersey, signed a contract with my client to play as outfielder for the Newark Eagles Baseball Club for the season of 1940, and said contract is still in full force and effect. Prior to the opening of the 1940 season my client not only maintained Pearson in training, but also advanced him large sums of money on account of his future earnings, and Pearson is now heavily indebted to my client. On Tuesday, May 7th, 1940, Pearson did not report for duty and my client has just been informed that Pearson is preparing to leave the United States for a South American country to play baseball for a South American team in the same position as outfielder for which he is contracted to work for my client.

As aforestated Pearson is not only under contract to work for my client for the season of 1940 but is also heavily indebted to my client, and if a passport is issued to Pearson permitting him to leave the United States for a South American country my client would be defrauded not only of his money but would suffer irreparable loss by reason of the departure of Pearson for South America and the breach of his contract.

I therefore request that a passport be denied Pearson to afford my client an opportunity to bring Pearson to account. This letter supplements the telegram sent the State Department earlier on this date. I would deem it a great favor to be informed of the disposition the State Department will make of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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